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***NOTICE***

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, April 26, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Woodcliff Center, 2915 Hall Street, SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Phone number for information is 235-3535.

**PURPOSE of the REGULAR MEETING**

***Recognition of:***

Lakeside 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade National First Place Mathfax Team  
Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-9, 2004  
Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Week, May 10-15, 2004

***Information Items:***

*EGR High School Annual Guidance Report*  
*Update on 2004-05 General Fund Budget*

***Consent Agenda:***

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 3/29/04  
Payment of Bills for March 2004  
Approval of Resolution to Appoint Election Inspectors for Annual School Election  
Approval of Medical Leave of Absence for Mr. Matthew W. Marlow

***Other Action Items:***

Approval of Strategic Plan for 2004-2008  
Approval of Early Retirement Program  
Approval of Resolution to Set Matters to be Voted on in the Annual School Election  
Approval of KISD Special Education Itinerant Staff Plan  
Approval of Bleacher Bids for Memorial Field  
Appoint a Board Member to Represent EGPRS at the KISD Budget Review Meeting  
Acceptance of Grants from EGR Schools Foundation

***Administrative Reports:***

Middle School Health Curriculum  
Schools of Choice Update

***Board Reports:***

Mrs. Beth Lent, President  
East Grand Rapids Board of Education

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## ***Our Mission***

***East Grand Rapids Public Schools, in partnership with students, parents, and community, will ensure that each student acquires the knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to reach his or her full potential, and become a productive citizen.***

### **REGULAR Meeting of the East Grand Rapids Board of Education**

Woodcliff Community Board Room, Woodcliff Center,  
2915 Hall SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
Phone 616-235-3535.

**Monday, April 26, 2004**

### **AGENDA**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Guests
3. Public Comments
4. Recognition of Mr. Mark Pullen and Lakeside Students for National First Place Award in MathFax Competition - Dr. Morse and Mrs. Kehm
5. Recognition of:

A. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3-9, 2004 – Dr. Morse

Background: The Administration recommends a resolution designating May 3-9, 2004 as *Teacher Appreciation Week*

B. Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Week – May 10-15, 2004 - Dr. Morse

Background: The Administration recommends a resolution designating May 10-15, 2004 as East Grand Rapids Schools *Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Week* to show appreciation to our students' parents and our volunteers.

Recommendation: Motion to recognize the teachers and parents and volunteers mentioned above and to thank them for their work with our children.

6. Acceptance of Grants from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation

Background: At the March 24, 2004, East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation meeting, the Foundation board awarded the spring grants. (Enclosure #6)

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Recommendation: Motion to accept the grants awarded by the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation as listed in Enclosure #6 and to thank the Foundation for its generous support of East Grand Rapids Schools.

7. Communications to and from the Board
8. High School Student Council President's Report - Ms. Steffie Kabat
9. EGREA President's Report - Mrs. Cynthia Bischof

**Information Items:**

10. Presentation of the East Grand Rapids High School Annual Guidance Report - Mr. Larry Fisher
11. Update on 2004-05 General Fund Budget - Mr. Derks and Dr. Morse

**Action Items - Consent Agenda:**

Background: In order to save time during the meeting, we are using a Consent Agenda. Items in the Consent Agenda include those that are routine or have been previously discussed by the Board of Education. Any Board Member may request to have any item removed for a separate discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Motion to approve items in the Consent Agenda Numbers 12 through 15.

12. Approval of Minutes of REGULAR MEETING of 3/29/04 (Enclosure #12)
13. Approval of Payment of Bills for March 2004 (Enclosure #13)
14. Approval of Resolution to Appoint Election Inspectors for the Annual School Election

Background: The administration requests approval by the Board of Education of a resolution to appoint Election Inspectors for the Annual School Election. (Enclosure #14)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the appointment of the Election Inspectors listed in Enclosure #14 for the June 14, 2004 Annual School Election.

15. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence - Mr. Matthew W. Marlow

Background: Under the provisions of the Master Agreement in Article 15, Section M, Mr. Matthew W. Marlow is requesting a medical leave of absence beginning May 7, 2004 through the end of the 2003-04 school year. (Enclosure #15)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the recommendation to grant Mr. Matthew W. Marlow a medical leave of absence upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

**Other Action Items:**

16. Approval of the Strategic Plan for 2004-2008

Background: Following the work of student, staff, and community focus groups, surveys of staff and community, and the concentrated efforts of a 30-member Strategic Planning committee, a 2004-2008 Strategic Plan is being brought forth. This document will provide a blue print for the success of the district over the next four years.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Strategic Plan for 2004-2008.

17. Approval of an Early Retirement Program

Background: The Teachers' association has requested a retirement incentive this year. The Finance Committee and Administration are recommending a retirement incentive for the 2003-04 school year. (Enclosure #17)

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Retirement Program as presented in Enclosure #17 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

18. Approval of the Resolution to Set Matters to Be Voted On in the Annual School Election (including Recreation Millage)

Background: The administration requests approval by the Board of Education to set the matters to be voted on in the Annual School Election on Monday, June 14, 2004 (Enclosure #18)

Recommendation: Motion to set the matters to be voted on in the Annual School election on June 14, 2004 as listed in Enclosure #18.

19. Approval of KISD Special Education Itinerant Staff Plan

Background: Over the last several months a Special Education Itinerant Committee has developed a program making our Special Education Itinerant staff dual employees with KISD. By entering into this agreement, we will be partnering with KISD for this service and receiving additional reimbursement for services from the State. (Enclosure #19)

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Recommendation: Motion to approve a resolution to authorize the President and Secretary of the Board of Education to execute on behalf of the Board of Education the Special Education Services Agreement with the Kent ISD to obtain special education programs and services, such Agreement to be effective July 1, 2004.

20. Approval of Bleacher Bids for Memorial Field

Background: Requests for proposals were sent to four companies to provide new bleachers for the south end of Memorial Field. The Joint Facilities Committee has reviewed the bids and presents this recommendation. (Enclosure #20)

Recommendation: Motion to approve bleacher bids for Memorial Field upon the recommendation of the Joint Facilities Committee and the Superintendent.

21. Appoint a Board Member to Represent East Grand Rapids Public Schools at the Kent Intermediate School District Budget Review Meeting

Background: Each year, the KISD holds a Budget Review Meeting and each district within the Kent ISD sends a representative to vote on the budget for the next school year.

Recommendation: Motion to appoint a Mr. Brian Ellis, Treasurer, to represent East Grand Rapids Public Schools at the Budget Review Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Reports:

22. Superintendent

23. Assistant Superintendent for Business

24. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

A. Middle School Health Curriculum

B. Schools of Choice Update

25. Board Representative Report

26. Adjournment

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